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Uni keen for public feedback on city campus

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LOOKING AHEAD: An artist's impression of what the University of Newcastle's city campus could look like. Pictures: Supplied

THE University of Newcastle's proposed development for the city centre – including a 10-storey building – is now available for the public to inspect and provide feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment's executive director of development assessment systems and approvals Chris Wilson said the NeW Space proposal had been assessed as a state-significant development because it was an education facility with a project value of more than \$30million.

"The department will work with Newcastle City Council to assess the development, carefully considering community feedback we receive during this exhibition phase," Mr Wilson said.

The NeW Space proposal involves constructing a 10-storey education building that would house lecture theatres, a library, teaching and learning spaces, and office and retail areas.



University House, formerly known as NESCA House, will be refurbished, and pedestrian walking routes will be built between it and the education building.

The existing Laman Street car park will also be expanded and landscaping work completed in surrounding streets.

The development application, environmental impact statement and other accompanying documents can be viewed until Friday, September 19 online at majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au or in person at the City of Newcastle Administration Centre, 282 King Street, Newcastle or at the Department of Planning and Environment, 23 to 33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

The university will host an information session where Hunter residents can view the plans and speak with project managers to discuss any aspect of NeW Space.

The forum will be held at Newcastle City Hall on Saturday, August 30, from 2pm to 5pm.

Register your interest by emailing newspace@newcastle.edu.au.